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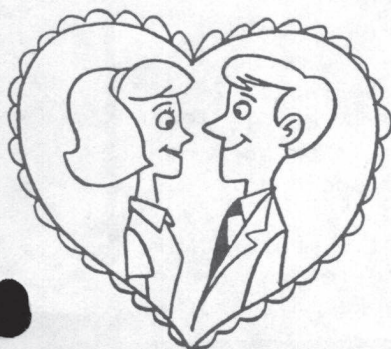


February

The "Garden Poet" tells us plain
that FEBRUARY brings the rain.
It may be true in other climes
or maybe so in ancient times.
But here in our Zion, we ALL know
FEBRUARY brings fog and cold snow!

Scientists won't admit it but
there exists a parallel universe into
which ALL our lost objects are sucked
never to be seen again.

Just because a woman is always
up in the air and
harping on something
doesn't mean she's an angel!



Happiness is in your head
not in your marriage license.

THE BEST YEARS OF A MAN'S LIFE are when
the kids are OLD enough to shovel the driveway
and too YOUNG to drive the car.

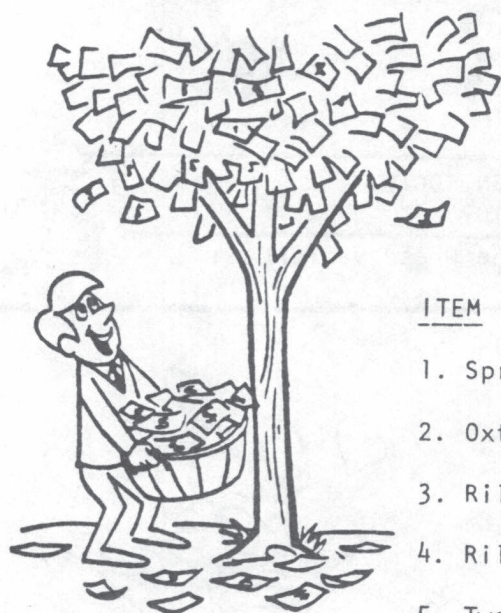


You may speak of
LOVE, TENDERNESS and PASSION
but REAL ECSTASY is finding you
haven't lost your keys after all!
The only things Adam would recognize
if he came back to earth are the jokes.
LIFE--what happens to you while
you are making other plans.



Let's get lucky!

FEBRUARY DRAWING



ITEM

RARITY

1. Spriggs & Crooks, Park City.....R-1
2. Oxford Resort, EurekaR-2
3. Riley's Place, Good for 12¢ SLC.....R-7 (R-1)
4. Riley's Place, Good for 5¢, SLC.....R-7 (R-1)
5. Two Peso Mexican Gold PieceGold



DON'T MISS THE FIRST ISSUE
OF WHAT WE HOPE WILL BE AN
ONGOING COMIC STRIP IN THIS
PAPER!! Lem & Jeb Filbert.

* Bob will want to kill me but I can't remember
* what he wanted me to tell the members about the
* upcoming show in Ogden March 29-31 but I THINK
* it was to remind you that if you want to enter a
* display as an individual to see him--see him
* anyway! You can commiserate with each other about
* people who can't remember and didn't (I blush to
* admit it) write it down!

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* Signing up as new members at the last meeting were:
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* The Glen Sidwell family of Salt Lake, Tom Malloy
* from Bountiful, F.A. Mathie from Salt Lake, and
* Eugene Johnson from West Jordan.

* A big, big welcome to all of you! Joining our NUTS
* since the January meeting, we have one NEW member and
* one RETURNING NUT! John Robinson of Salt Lake is the
* new member, and Gaylen Rust is a member once again.
* We are certainly pleased to have all of these people
* with us and hope to see them at our February meeting.

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IN MEMORIAM

Roger Scott Franke, 26,
died Friday, Feb. 1, 1985
as the result of an
industrial accident.

Our deepest sympathies are
extended to fellow member
Harold Franke, his brother.

From

The



Head Nut

A-a-h, FEBRUARY and it's colder than h---! February means minus 20 degrees, fog, snow, fog, snow and ice. This is the time of year when I just LOOK at my metal detector as it gathers dust and wish it were June!!

But, February is a short month and also brings us Valentine's Day. With that in mind, Pat Hansen has consented to present a slide program on "Love Tokens" at our next meeting which will be Feb. 28th. Pat has been collecting these romantic keepsakes of the 19th and early 20th century and is quite knowledgeable on the subject. Anyone who has ever seen one of these engraved and enameled tokens knows that many of them are true works of art. So, join us for the February meeting and bring your Valentine! I'm sure you'll both enjoy it.

Speaking of meetings, the members in attendance last month unanimously approved a coin and token show for 1985 to be sponsored by National Utah Token Society so the show is on for Friday and Saturday, June 1st and 2nd. It will be held at the Salt Lake Howard Johnson's. Many dealers will be in attendance and coins, tokens, and other hand-held collectibles will be offered for sale. Provisions have been made for displays by our members and awards will be presented for the best displays. Mark the date on your calendar and tell your friends 'cause it's gonna be grea-a-a-t!!

We should soon be going into production with our N.U.T.S. medal or token and we need to decide on a design at our March meeting. Be sure to get your ideas and/or designs in to one of the club officers on or before March 28th. One side will, of course, be the NUTS logo which was chosen by competition from designs submitted by members in early 1982; the other side will be whatever is decided upon at the March meeting from the designs submitted prior to then.

In March we will also hold our first Auction of 1985. The usual rules will apply and the items you want to sell must be in to Bob Campbell, Edith Attebury or myself by March 17th (St. Patrick's Day, begorrah!).

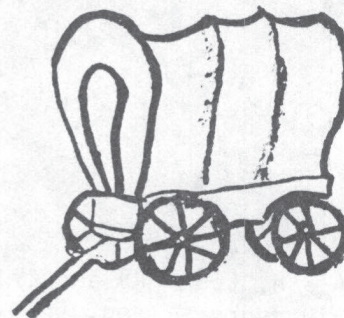
Attendance at the January meeting was excellent in spite of the weather and sundry ailments and I felt it was quite informative. If you missed it, you missed a good one! Some new members joined us and old members kept Frank and Mary busy as they renewed membership and paid their dues. If YOU haven't paid your 1985 dues yet, send it in or, better yet, bring it to the February meeting. The Token Hunter alone is worth the price.

That's about all for now--don't get lost in the fog and I'll see you at the meeting.

--George

The Wagonmaster's

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Hello, Fellow NUTS,

Your Wagonmasters received some interesting ideas for this year's Club trips at the January meeting and are considering each one. At the moment we are still in the planning stage. Just as soon as plans have been completed, we will make up a calendar of future outings and give it to Edith to print in the Token Hunter.

We are sure this year will be a great success but we still need more ideas for some one-day trips. If you can think of any place you would like the Club to go for a day's worth of fun, please tell Ken or myself (Bryan). To make trip scheduling easier, we will not put the one-day trips on the calendar but will announce them in the meetings prior to the outing. Put on your thinking caps and give us enough good ideas for 1985 and even, maybe, for 1986!

Until next month, farewell from your Wagonmasters,

Ken Lambson
Bryan Moulton



C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !

IT'S A BOY!!

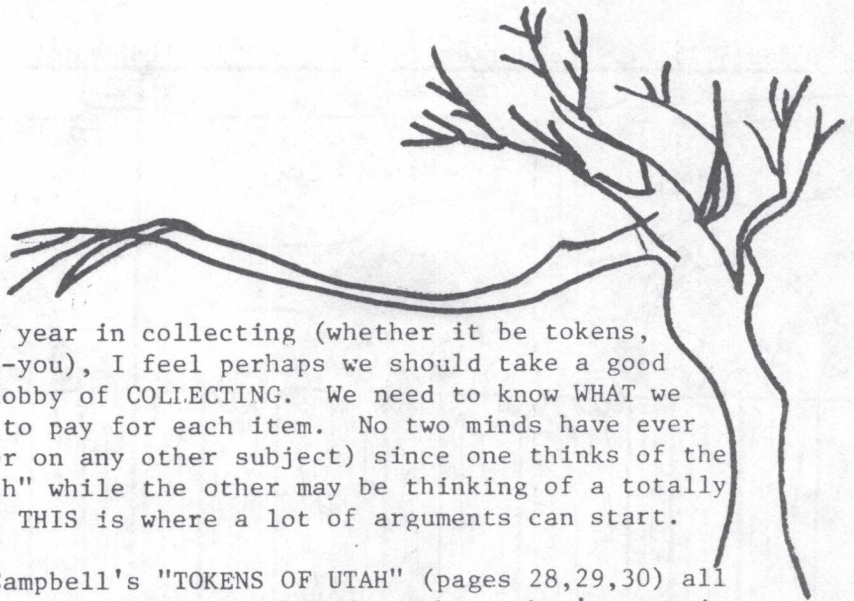
Gaylen and Denise Rust have a brand-new baby boy, born a couple of weeks ago.

Young Mr. Rust will be named James Leroy Rust and weighed in at 9 lbs. 1 oz.! My goodness, Gaylen!

Our best wishes to all of you.

From the NUT Tree,

T H O U G H T S



As we're all starting a new year in collecting (whether it be tokens, coins, dolls, bottles or what-have-you), I feel perhaps we should take a good look at what we expect from this hobby of COLLECTING. We need to know WHAT we want, and HOW MUCH we are willing to pay for each item. No two minds have ever been completely in tune on this (or on any other subject) since one thinks of the value of a certain item as "so much" while the other may be thinking of a totally different figure. As we all know, THIS is where a lot of arguments can start.

In the current edition of Campbell's "TOKENS OF UTAH" (pages 28,29,30) all conditions and grades have been noted for reference based on the author's experience at the time. In talking to the author a few days ago, only the three grades with prices are of value. The prices indicated are those actually paid for these grades. Future editions will probably have reference made only to the three grades now being used as the author feels that more grades would profit only the dealers and not the hobby. My personal feeling is that Harry is 100% right. This is a wonderful hobby and I really enjoy it---let's not ruin it with more grades than are necessary.

Among my many publications, only the U. S. coins have more than 3 or 4 grades. For tokens, let's stick with the author of the only definitive book on Utah tokens. This makes sense to me since we all know that not even the dealers agree on or grade everything the same and I KNOW, for sure, that we laymen cannot.

With regard to the cleaning or not cleaning of tokens, at a recent show, I was told by a dealer that a cleaned token was "just about worthless" (he wanted to BUY the token cheaper than I valued it.) Yet, another dealer cleans HIS tokens and it's okay! To me this simply means that the first dealer wanted to "buy cheap and sell high." Now I don't mind dealers making a profit (after all, it IS their livelihood) but I hate it when they start this unrealistic grading to boost profits and try to make fools of us.

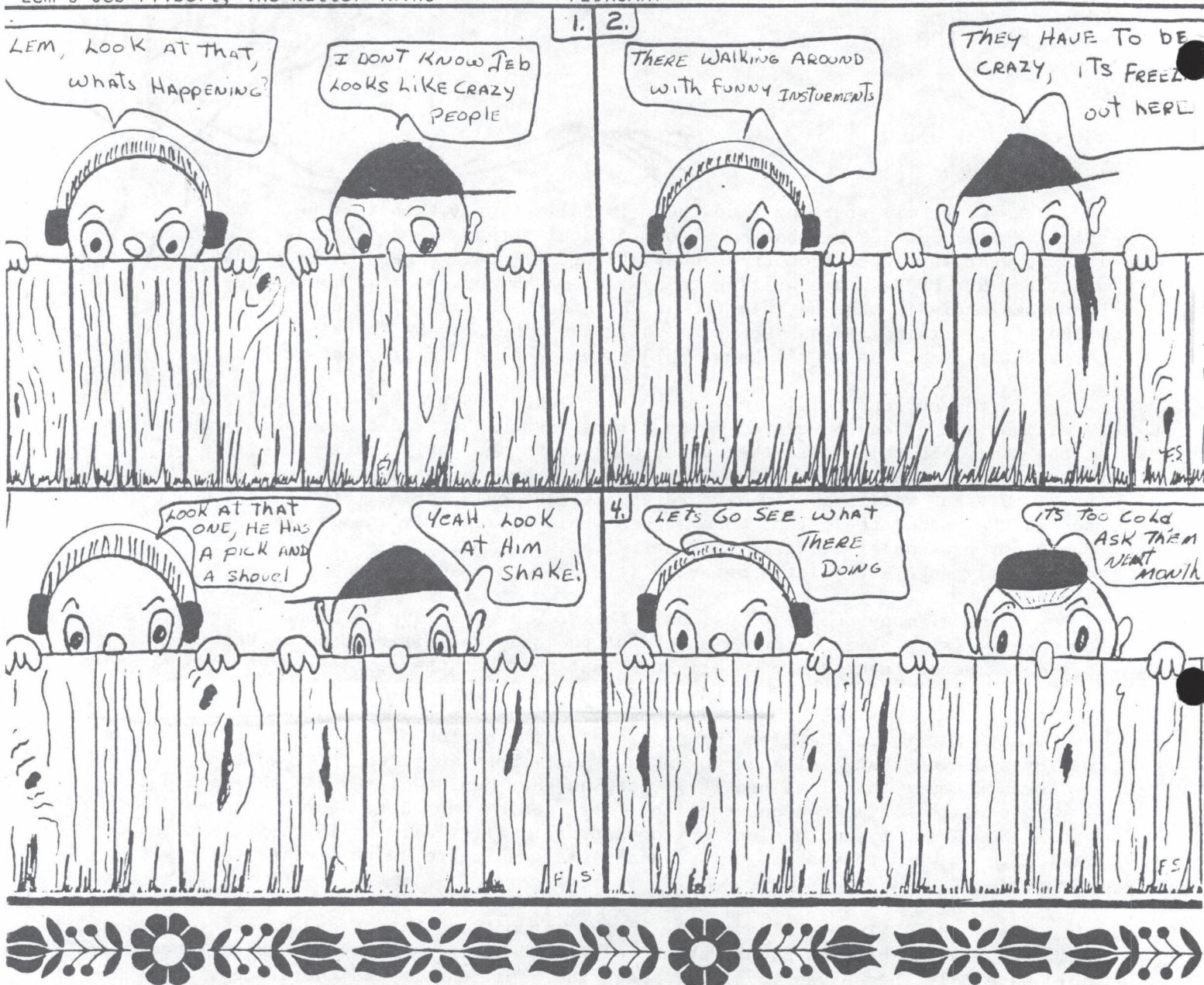
Personally, I have always gone on the assumption that if one wishes to trade, sell or buy, both parties should agree fully so neither can complain later since they would have only themselves to blame! Read the book, understand the grades, check the prices and check around for the best deal, then trade or buy but ALWAYS REMEMBER this is a hobby not a matter of life or death! There are many good people in it and let's keep it that way!

Whenever and wherever you purchase your next token, BE HAPPY. Agree on a price (even if its more than others think it is worth). If YOU think it is a fair price for YOU, then buy it. It's no one else's business what you pay for things.

Just remember these few things:

1. KNOW the item wanted.
2. AGREE on a grade--we have 3 to choose from with 8 different levels.
3. AGREE on a price.
4. PURCHASE it.
5. TREASURE it and ENJOY it and, above all, BE HAPPY IN YOUR HOBBY.

Happy Hunting to all, Frank Sommer

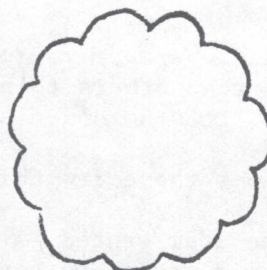


ENTER COMPETITION FOR TOKEN/MEDAL DESIGN
FOR 1985 COIN & TOKEN SHOW SPONSORED BY
NATIONAL UTAH TOKEN SOCIETY.

Something appropriate for us as a Token Club; and for our geographical location; something that will say, "This is the first Coin Show by a new club that's going places!"

Enter not just ONE design but as many as possible. The more ideas we have to choose from the better! Just get the rough designs in to one of the officers before March 28th. We MUST choose a design that night to give the producer time to make the token/medals.

OUR LOGO



National Utah Token Society

Meetings usually held at 7:15 pm
on 4th Thursday of each month.

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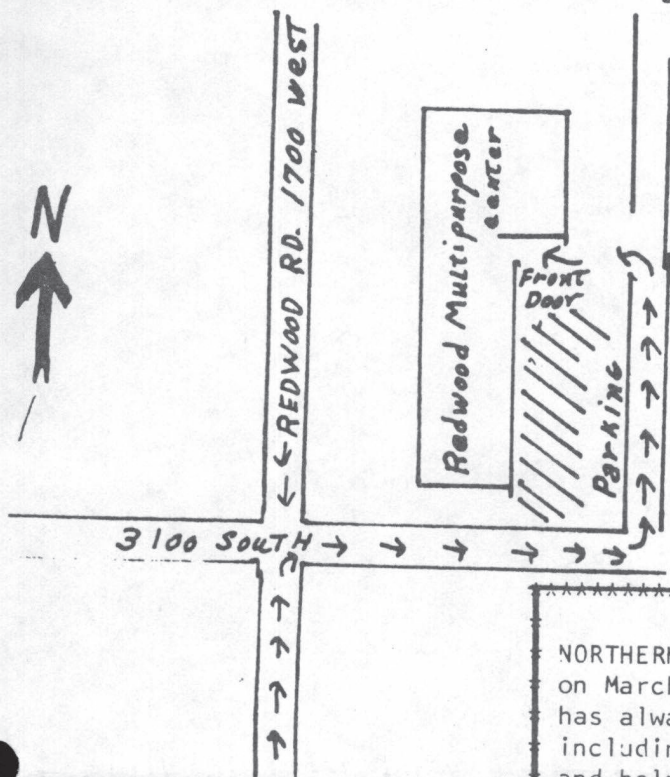
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NORTHERN UTAH COIN SHOW will be held in Ogden, Utah on March 29, 30, and 31 at the Ogden Hilton. This has always been an excellent show for Numismatists including Exonumia. Let's get behind our sister club and help them all we can.

FEBRUARY in addition to being "Heart" month with Valentine's Day is, of course, also devoted to Presidents. President's Day (this year) came on Feb. 18 which is neither Lincoln's nor Washington's birthdays since they are, respectively, Feb. 12 and Feb. 22. Somehow it seems particularly fitting for those of us who deal with coins (as well as tokens) whether it be as a business or as a hobby, to think about these two presidents both of whom are, of course, on our coinage. Washington's stern, bold face and Lincoln's gaunt, dark visage do not show us the real men. They were both painfully honest and very kind. Washington took not merely his step-children into his home to raise but also THEIR children when the need arose and from stories of that time, he also made welcome neices and nephews by the dozens. He refused any remuneration for his services during the war and would not use the presidency for his own glory or gain. When he retired to Mt. Vernon to live out his years, he was respected by all and beloved by most. Lincoln who came from the other end of the scale with respect to social position and wealth was also considered extremely honest. So much so that some of the stories children still tell about him are about the long walking trips to return only a tiny amount of money, or when he worked for a long time to repay the cost of a book he had borrowed which unfortunately got wet from the snow coming in the cracks of the cabin. He felt responsible so not having money, he paid for it with work. None of these things are new--but perhaps the next time you look at a penny or a quarter, you'll take a moment to study the faces of the men so honored.